

Remarks

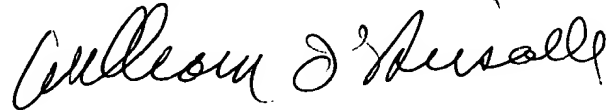
Claims 1-11 and 18-21 are presently under consideration. Claims 1-5 and 18-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) in view of the proposed combination of Barnum and Stege, claims 6-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) in view of Barnum and claims 20-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) in view of the proposed combination of Barnum, Stege and Deshautreaux.

Applicant has amended the application to clarify that the claims presently under consideration are directed to a flow control device having a housing containing both a valve or actuator and a sensor responsive to a magnetic field, and an external magnetic actuator actuating the sensor from outside the housing. The Hall effect sensor of Barnum relied on by the Examiner does not meet these requirements nor does the disclosures of Deshautreaux or Stege. Consequently, the claims as amended are submitted to be novel and patentable in view of the prior art of record.

The foregoing remarks and amendments are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. However, should applicant have overlooked or failed to fully address an issue, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's representative at the number below.

The foregoing is believed fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action, and allowance of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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